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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR NORTH-EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the implementation status of various packages and special initiatives for North-East declared by the Prime Minister on various occasions since 1996;

(b) the list of projects which had already been executed;

(c) the list of projects which are yet to be implemented alongwith the reasons for pendency; and

(d) the target set for completion of these projects along with the total outlay of these projects, source of fund and the allocation made so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (d): Socio-economic development of North Eastern Region is one of the priority concerns of the Central Government. With this objective Special development initiatives have been taken by the Central Government and Special Packages for the North Eastern Region have been announced by various Prime Ministers from time to time.

The following table indicate the date of announcements of Special packages by various Prime Ministers since 1996 for the North Eastern States:

S.No.	Name of the PM	Date of Announcements	Name of the State
1.	Shri H. D. Deve Gowda	27.10.1996	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura
2.	Shri I.K. Gujral	19-23 May 1997	Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura
3.	Shri A.B. Vajpayee	22.1.2000, 13.4.2003, 29.10.2003	NER (incl. Sikkim), Sikkim, Nagaland
4.	Shri Manmohan Singh	20-21 November 2004, 21-22 November 2004, 29.10.2005, 16-17 January 2006, 2.12.2006	Manipur, Assam, Tripura, Assam, Manipur

The above mentioned Special Packages include large number of projects/programmes and involve all the major ministries of the Central Government and their implementation is the responsibility of the Ministries/Departments concerned. Slow progress in some of the programmes/ projects is due to detailed consultations with concerned agencies and necessary funding tie-up. Major infrastructure ministries/Departments like Road Transport and Highways, Power, Water Resources, Railways, Civil Aviation, Tourism, HRD, Health & Family Welfare have prepared estimates and time schedule for the implementation of the projects falling under their purview. Allocation of funds is ensured in the budgets of the respective ministries including allocation of Additional Central Assistance under States Plan for implementation of these programmes.